

# The Bulletin

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## Reminders and Events for January 16-27

### Upcoming events of note:

- January 16-17 NO SCHOOL (Tuesday is a staff day)
- January 17 & 19 Parent/Trustee Meetings (see below)
- January 18 Late Buses Resume (Mondays-Thursdays)
- January 20 Hoe Down! (7-9:30 PM) Fun for all - no square dancing experience required - and all are encouraged to attend. (That means parents, too!)
- January 22 Open House for Prospective Students (see below)
- January 23 Estimated Mail Date for Report Cards
- January 26-29 Model UN Trip (contact [David Perry](#) with any questions)
- January 27 Community Supper for Graeme's and Bea's Team

**Calendar Change:** School will re-open Wednesday, January 18, after Martin Luther King Day instead of on Tuesday, as was originally noted on the calendar.

**Reminder:** Parents, please call the main office by 8 AM if your child will not be in school due to illness or for any other reason.

For other important dates and events, including athletics, please refer to the Academy's calendar, found on the website at [www.charlemont.org/school-calendar](http://www.charlemont.org/school-calendar).

## Trustee/Parent "State of The School" Meetings January 17 and 19

Parents are invited and encouraged to join trustees to meet incoming Head of School Mark Efinger, and for a conversation about the state of the school, following up on similar meetings last year.

As previously noted in the Bulletins of December 9 and 29, and in an email earlier this week, please choose the date and location that works best for you and mark your calendar:

**Tuesday, January 17**  
**in the recital hall at The Academy**

*OR*

**Thursday, January 19**  
**at Webber & Grinnell Insurance Agency, Inc.**  
**8 North King Street, Northampton**

Both meetings will held from 7 to 8 PM, with a brief presentation followed by Q & A.

These sessions will follow up on information shared at last year's "Town Hall" meetings and will be held regularly going forward, in an effort to provide an institutionalized opportunity for information sharing.

Trustees look forward to seeing as many parents as possible, and are grateful for your input

and support. If you have any questions or thoughts to share in advance of these meetings, please contact [David Epstein](#), '87, chair of the Board of Trustees.

## **Winter Open House: January 22, 1- 3 PM**

The January Open House is a good opportunity for families who are thinking of The Academy for 2013-2014, but also for families who have just learned about us. There is still time to meet the admissions deadline for next year (February 15) and arrange a visit. New families will have an opportunity to meet incoming Head of School Mark Efinger during this Open House.

Don't forget the [recruitment initiative](#), too. We want to reward you for your recruitment efforts!

Lots of prospective students are visiting now, often two a day. If you know anyone who is thinking of visiting, please encourage them to contact [Sandy Warren](#). The February deadline is coming up quickly.

## **Annual Fund Giving Update**

As of the end of December, we are grateful to report donations from approximately 40% of parents for this year's Annual Fund. The Annual Fund giving cycle ends June 30, 2012, so there's plenty of time to contribute.

Your donations really count at The Academy, and every gift matters. You can make a one-time gift to this year's Annual Fund, or make monthly or quarterly payments toward a total pledge. Please make your online gift today at our [secure donation page](#).

Parent participation in the Annual Fund demonstrates to those outside the immediate community that those most directly impacted by The Academy's program support it wholeheartedly. Please help us reach 100%!

Thank you for being a part of The Academy, and for your generous support.

## **HBH Menu January 18-27**

January 16: No school  
January 17: Staff Day  
January 18: Assorted Mac & Cheese  
January 19: Chicken Fajitas  
January 20: Meat Loaf or Veggie Sausage, Mashed Potatoes,  
Green Beans & Gravy  
January 23: Baked Ziti  
January 24: Chilaquiles  
January 25: Hot Dogs, Knockwurst, Smart Pups, Pickles, and Chips  
January 26: Chicken or Veggie Fried Rice  
January 27: Beef or Veggie Chili, Corn Bread

Salad and vegetarian option always available

## ***Julius Caesar*, February 9-11 at The Academy**

Mark your calendars for The Academy's annual winter drama production, under the direction of [Shakespeare & Company](#) of Lenox, MA. Plan to attend any of these four performances: 7 PM on February 9, 10 and 11, or a 2 PM matinee on February 11. More details to follow!

## **Carpooling for Families/Students With No Winter After-School Activities Scheduled**

A list of families interested in carpooling to Amherst, Ashfield, Cummington, Northampton or Williamsburg is available by calling the main office: 339-4912.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:**

**"For the Love of Work" March 9, 12:30 - 3:00 PM**

"For the Love of Work", a program inaugurated last year through the efforts of current and alumni parents, will be held again on March 9. Guest speakers from diverse fields of work give presentations to students about their careers, and the paths that brought them there. These dynamic speakers were passionate about their careers, told engaging stories and gave Academy students some ideas about what's possible for life after high school. It's an interactive experience, and met with rave reviews last year from both students and guests.

We look forward to another successful "Love of Work" day in March. *New ideas for speakers are very welcome, and if you are free that day, we encourage you to volunteer. Help us make it another memorable day!*

Please contact [Leanne Dowd](#) with ideas or to volunteer.

## **Academy Logo Clothing for Sale**

Academy students or family members interested in Academy logo clothing can order from a selection of tee shirts, sweat shirts, and sweat pants.

Payment for clothing can be added to your monthly student invoice or you may send in a check at the time you place your order. Click [here](#) for items and a price list. To place your order, or for questions, contact [Charlene Neeley](#).

## **The Academy is on Facebook!**

Keep up with what's happening at The Academy on our [Facebook Page](#). "Like" us to stay up-to-date and join the conversation.

## **Student Safety and Lost and Found**

### **SAFETY REMINDER:**

For student safety and better traffic flow, please drop off and pick up students in front of Grinnell Hall (East building). Drive in at the east end and exit at the west end.

### **LOST AND FOUND:**

In an effort to keep lost clothing and other items to a manageable minimum, parents are requested to label children's clothing, lunch boxes, water bottles, etc. Initials or a name on the collar or waist would be helpful. We donated four bags of unclaimed clothing to the Salvation Army last year. Unclaimed Lost & Found items will be donated at March Break and after graduation.